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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2670, S-2018

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING JUNE 15 AS THE QUEZON CITY'S ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 66/127 OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilors ERIC Z. MEDINA, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II and ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Victor V. Ferrer Jr., Estrella C. Valmocina, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose A. Visaya and Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan.

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has adopted Resolution No. 66/127 designating June 15 as the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The purpose of which is for the whole world to voice out its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted to some of the older generations;

WHEREAS, as the ageing populations rapidly increase, the incidence of elder abuse is concomitantly growing. Usually it is in the form of financial exploitation, material abuse or maltreatment at home;

WHEREAS, other forms of abuses that older people are experiencing are physical injuries, theft, forgery, misuse of property, property grabbing, ejection from homes, denial of access to funds and family inheritance, neglect of care, and other similar sufferings that virtually affect their human rights and degrade their dignity;

WHEREAS, such abuses often go unreported, partly due to shame and embarrassment on the part of the victims or because of their cognitive and other impairments;

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WHEREAS, elder or senior citizen abuse is not a private matter but a public and serious one which should be a concern of the entire society. It is a global issue that needs a more participative involvement of all sectors to afford ageing people more protection;

WHEREAS, respect for elders is not a historical foundation, but a rich Filipino culture that must be preserved and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Quezon City's Elder Abuse Awareness Day Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is the policy of the Quezon City Government to safeguard and uplift the dignity and well-being of its citizens, particularly the elderly, from the harmful and degrading effects of maltreatment and any form of abuse. In view of the foregoing, Quezon City needs to enhance further the efficacy of laws and city ordinances against elder abuse.

Toward this end, the city government shall pursue an intensive and unrelenting campaign against elder abuse and other similar acts detrimental to the welfare of older people through an integrated system of planning, implementation and enforcement of anti-buse policies, programs, and projects.

SECTION 3. AWARENESS DAY – The day of June 15 of every year is hereby declared as the Elder Abuse Awareness Day of Quezon City in accordance with Resolution No. 66/127 of the United Nations General Assembly.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM –To ensure the meaningful observance of the day as herein declared, a comprehensive public education and awareness program shall be undertaken on the country's social issue which affects the health and human rights of older persons, an issue which deserves the attention of the Quezon City Government.

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The program shall specifically discuss the causes, consequences, treatment and the prevention of elder abuse, as well as the big importance of giving respect to the elderly and preserving their dignity for a holistic approach in battling the said abuse.

SECTION 5. INTER-DEPARTMENT AND MULTISECTORAL EFFORT – The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and the Social Services Development Department (SSDD), on the part of the Quezon City Government, and the accredited non-governmental and senior citizens organizations shall lead the implementation of comprehensive public education and awareness program on elder abuse, protection, and benefits through a collaborative inter-department and multisectoral effort within Quezon City

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), in consultation with the city's Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and the City Health Department, shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance within ninety (90) days from its approval.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION –The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the available funds of the City Treasury. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual Budget of Quezon City.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the ordinance or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any city ordinance, resolution, rules and regulations or administrative issuance contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: February 5, 2018.

RODERICK M. PAULATE
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

APPROVED: 12 MAR 2018

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 5, 2018 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 19, 2018.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

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